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Subject: FW: End of Day -- August 7, 2017

From: Zito, Kelly
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 4:21:49 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: Glenn, William; Huitric, Michele; Mogharabi, Nahal; PerezSullivan, Margot; Calvino, Maria Soledad; Keener, Bill; Gaudario, Abigail; R9 Supervisors
Cc: Barkett, Bonnie; Maier, Brent; Higuchi, Dean; Reyes, Deldi; Nazmi, Niloufar; Harris-Bishop, Rusty; Ford, Margaret; Henderson, Alita; COHEN, Deborra; Pratt, Kristen; Meltzer, Kathy; Hood, Timonie; Blazej, Nova; Stollman, Scott; Amato, Paul; Rao, Kate; Schmidt, David; Ty, Fatima; Kao, Jessica; Karlson, Kristine; CHENG, CHRISTINA; Yogi, David; Engelman, Alexa; Sebastian, Chris; Marincola, JamesPaul; LUEHE, DOUGLAS
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PRESS

Press release issued: [U.S. EPA and California Approve Permit for Point Loma Wastewater Facility](#). Nahal Mogharabi.

Press release issued: [EPA Awards Arrow Indian Contractors \\$3.85 Million for Abandoned Uranium Mine Cleanup](#) - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has awarded Arrow Indian Contractors, a Navajo-owned company, a \$3.85 million contract to clean up portions of the Quivira Mines. The site is located in the Coyote Canyon and Standing Rock Chapters on Navajo Nation in McKinley County, New Mexico.

Coverage:

AP- [EPA awards contract for cleanup of abandoned uranium mines](#)

US News & World Report - [EPA Awards Contract for Cleanup of Abandoned Uranium](#)

Mines

KQED (Ted Goldberg) [Received 8/4] – CLOSED – Reporter is asking whether EPA is launching an investigation into the May flaring event at Valero's Benicia refinery. Provided copy of request for information that was sent to Valero on 7/27. SF, Michele Huitric

Gallup Independent (Kathy Helms) [Received 8/7] – OPEN—Reporter looking for additional information on Arrow contract work and the contract itself. Working with contracts office & superfund to pull answers together to send to HQ for approval. DDL 8/8 Margot Perez-Sullivan SF & EMD

Fronteras NPR (Laurel Morales) [Received 7/13] – OPEN – Reporter checking in on possible Navajo AUM site tour. Reporter would like to tour AUM. There are two ongoing cleanups this summer, one at Quivira (funded through Tronox settlement). Quivira mine cleanup being run by Navajo-owned business and is planning to employ locals. Propose to bring reporter to site with press officer and allow her to tour the ongoing cleanup with experience RPM onsite. Waiting to get clearance from HQ. Margot Perez-Sullivan SF

Filmmaker (Jeff Spitz) [Received 7/26] - OPEN - Navajo Boy filmmaker checking in on progress of Navajo AUM clean ups for his seminar/film showing at colleges & universities. Former SF AD provided funding for a follow up documentary film. Spitz particularly interested in Tronox settlement. Sent link to website. Sent latest Tronox update. Filmmaker requested photos. Waiting to determine if program has photos. Margot Perez-Sullivan SF

Financial Times (Geoffrey Morgan) [Received 8/4] – OPEN - Reporter left a voicemail on Friday asking about a call from a 'whistleblower' alleging illegal dumping by a company in California. Called the reporter and sent an email to find out if he had specific questions for us and location/name of company. Waiting to hear back from him. Soledad Calvino.

Jolon Indian Media (Debra Utacia Krol) [Received 8/2] – CLOSED – Freelance reporter sent some questions to the California Indian Basketweavers' Association (CIBA) regarding yesterday's workshop. Reporter asked CIBA if EPA would be interested in answering a few questions. Internal staff development training; Priyanka will talk to CIBA. OCR. Soledad Calvino.

Univision – Calxico (Lourdes Mendoza) [Received 7/19] – OPEN – Producer Is interested in interviewing someone on-camera about air issues/asthma in the Calxico/Mexicali Binational area. Interview can be in English or Spanish. Waiting to hear back from HQ. Reached out to reporter to let her know we are still working on her request; she will check back with us on Friday. AIR/BORDER. DDL: 7/31. Soledad Calvino.

Coronado Eagle & Journal (Toni McGowan) [Received 8/4]--OPEN--Reporter is looking for details on the Tijuana sewage spill and has questions about who is the lead agency. Working on trying to get more details. WTR, Nahal Mogharabi.

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

Social Media:

Mold – Posted to our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages about protecting homes from mold and linked to our [Interactive Mold House Tour](#).

Web Updates:

Pt. Loma NPDES Permit – Published the [City of San Diego E.W. Blom Point Loma Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant and Ocean Outfall; NPDES Permit](#) and related content in conjunction with the issuance of the news release today.

California Bioresources Alliance Symposia – Published new information about the 2017 conference to our [California Bioresources Alliance Symposia](#) site.

CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

Senator Brian Schatz (Hawaii) – Staffer Jenny Wooten received a constituent question and called to see if we have any jurisdiction over a cell phone tower being placed on a condo or other building. Let her know that we at EPA don't have any jurisdiction, but she may want to check with FCC to see what if any requirements they have. CLOSED, Dean Higuchi

Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA-40): Brent Maier shared some follow up information with Ana Figueroa, District Director; Kim Tachiki, Senior Field Deputy; and Cindy Muro, District Representative that was requested or discussed at our recent District Office meeting held on August 2nd on a number of topics including: Exide, City of Paramount, Brownfields Program and the Pemaco/Maywood Superfund Site.

Rep. Julia Brownley (D-CA-26): Brent Maier received an inquiry from Robert Dougherty in the Congresswoman's DC office asking if we could provide an update on ongoing cleanup actions at the Halaco Superfund Site. Brent offered up a follow up call with Superfund's Wayne Praskins and Robert Dougherty, Sr. Legislative Assistant and Carina Armenta, District Director for Thursday, August 10th at 1:00pm, however, we may need move the teleconference call to next week so that both Congressional staffers will be able to participate.

Congressional Outreach on Point Loma: Brent Maier shared today's press release with Congressional staff in the offices of Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris and Representatives Susan Davis, Scott Peters, Juan Vargas, Darrell Issa, and Duncan Hunter announcing that EPA and the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board finalized a City of San Diego wastewater discharge permit to protect ocean water quality and increase water reuse. The Clean Water Act National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System five-year permit for the City's Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant establishes discharge limits to meet federal and state water quality standards.

Congressional Outreach Grant Award to Navajo Nation-Owned Company: Brent Maier shared today's press release with Congressional staff in the offices of Senators John McCain and Jeff Flake and Rep. Tom O'Halleran announcing that EPA has awarded Arrow Indian Contractors, a Navajo-owned company, a \$3.85 million contract to clean up portions of the Quivira Mines. The site is located in the Coyote Canyon and Standing Rock Chapters on Navajo Nation in McKinley County, New Mexico.

Calendar Invites to San Diego Congressional District Offices for Meetings on September

12th and 13th: Last week, Brent Maier sent out calendar invites to Congressional staff for District Office meetings in the San Diego area for Tuesday, September 12, 2017 – Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA-52); Rep. Susan Davis (D-CA-53); Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-CA-50) and for Wednesday, September 13, 2017 – Rep. Juan Vargas (D-CA-51); Senator Kamala Harris; and Sen. Dianne Feinstein. Hector Aguirre, Director of our San Diego Border Office will join Steven Leonido-John, Director of our Southern California Field Office for each of these meetings. We have confirmed four meetings to date which include: Rep. Duncan Hunter on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 with Rick Terrazas, District Chief of Staff and Michael Harrison, Deputy District Director; Rep. Juan Vargas on Wednesday, September 13th; Sen. Dianne Feinstein on Wednesday, September 13th with Bill Kratz, District Director; and Sen. Kamala Harris on Wednesday, September 13th with Rudy Vargas, District Representative.

Upcoming Intergovernmental Meetings, Grants Workshop and Events:

Thursday, August 17, 2017 - Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA): Congressman Huffman has confirmed his availability to participate in the upcoming August 17th event in Humboldt County to highlight local successes in cleaning up historically contaminated properties in Humboldt County and to emphasize the importance of transforming underutilized properties into productive sites benefiting the community and local economy.

Late August 2017 - EPA to Meet with Fontana, CA Local Officials: Mayor Aquanetta Warren and her team will be in Washington August 27 - 30, 2017. The Mayor joined EPA's Engagement Session during the recent US Conference of Mayors' Annual Meeting in Miami Beach, FL, and she expressed great appreciation for the dialogue with DAA Bennett and other mayors. OIR is working with Mayor Warren's staff to arrange the meeting, determine topics for discussion, and finalize EPA staff participation. Mayor Warren and other Fontana local officials last met with EPA in 2012 to discuss perchlorate contamination and water quality concerns. She continues her interest in protecting her city's water supply, and also in ensuring that water infrastructure needs are addressed. She expressed those interests in an EPA Engagement session during USCM's June 2016 Annual Meeting as well. More details on the meeting will be reported as they unfold. OCIR. Contacts: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon and Preston Cory

Thursday, August 31, 2017 - Rep. Pete Aguilar (D-CA-31): Curt Lewis in Congressman Pete Aguilar's San Bernardino District Office shared a draft letter and flyer for the upcoming grants workshop to be hosted by the Congressman on Thursday, August 31st from 9:00am – 12:00pm. They are extending invites to EPA, FEMA, HHS, Economic Development Administration, HUD, DOJ, Dept. of Labor, and Dept. of Education. They are expecting between 150 – 200 people. They are interested in a presentation on our Brownfields Program as well as other EPA grants.

The Congressman will be hosting this workshop and will include a session of brief overviews of grant programs by each Agency representative and then a break-out session for each Agency, followed by a roundtable of all Agency representatives with the Congressman. Jose Garcia from our Southern California Field Office will represent EPA at this Grants Workshop.